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SUBJECT: ROC RESTATES EAST CHINA SEA CONTINENTAL SHELF CLAIM

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1. FOLLOWING IS MOFA'S FEB 14 STATEMENT REAFFIRMING ITS CLAIM TO EAST CHINA SEA CONTINENTAL SHELF AND RESERVING TO ITSELF RIGHTS OF EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF ITS NATURAL RESOURCES. COMMENT FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.

2. "IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN STATEMENTS RECENTLY MADE BY SOME STATES CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUBMARINE RESOURCES IN THE EAST CHINA SEA AND THE ILLEGAL CLAIMS MADE BY THE CHINESE COMMUNIST REGIME, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA WISHES TO STATE EMPHATICALLY THAT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA RESERVES ALL HER RIGHTS OVER THE CONTINENTAL SHELF

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EXTENDING FROM HER COAST INCLUDING THAT PART IN THE EAST CHINA SEA. SUCH RIGHTS INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO EXPLORE

THE CONTINENTAL SHELF AND TO EXPLOIT ITS NATURAL RESOURCES.

3. "THE CONTINENTAL SHELF IN QUESTION IS ADJACENT TO, AND ITS NATURAL PROLONGATION OF, THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. AS CONFIRMED BY THE CONVENTION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF SIGNED IN GENEVA ON APRIL 29, 1958, THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA IS ENTITLED, AS THE COASTAL STATE, TO THE EXERCISE OF SOVEREIGN RIGHTS PERTAINING TO HER FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPLORING IT AND EXPLOITING ITS NATURAL RESOURCES.

4. " ACCORDINGLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS DELINEATED FIVE RESERVED OFFSHORE PETROLEUM AREAS IN THE EAST CHINA SEA AND IN THE TAIWAN STRAIT, AS ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION OFFICE ON OCTOBER 15, 1970. THE ACTIVITIES FOR THE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION IN THESE AREAS HAVE BEGUN FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND ARE GOING ON EXTENSIVELY."
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